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From: Pero, Haley (Sanders) [Haley_Pero@sanders.senate.gov]
Sent: 4/25/2018 2:28:22 PM
To: Twigg, George [George.Twigg@mail.house.gov]; Berry, Tom (Leahy) [Tom_Berry@leahy.senate.gov]; Melanson, Kate [Melanson.Kate@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Brownfields -

Thanks, Kate.

Do you happen to have the contacts for each award?

From: Twigg, George <George.Twigg@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2018 10:13 AM
To: Berry, Tom (Leahy) <Tom_Berry@leahy.senate.gov>; Melanson, Kate <Melanson.Kate@epa.gov>; Pero, Haley (Sanders) <Haley_Pero@sanders.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Brownfields -

What he said – thanks so much Kate. These grants are really important to the communities that receive them.

From: Berry, Tom (Leahy) [mailto:Tom_Berry@leahy.senate.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2018 10:09 AM
To: Melanson, Kate <Melanson.Kate@epa.gov>; Twigg, George <George.Twigg@mail.house.gov>; Pero, Haley (Sanders) <Haley_Pero@sanders.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Brownfields -

Outstanding! Thank you. And please express the Senators thanks to the Region 1 Brownfields team for their hard work.

Tom

From: Melanson, Kate [mailto:Melanson.Kate@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2018 10:06 AM
To: Berry, Tom (Leahy) <Tom_Berry@leahy.senate.gov>; Twigg, George <George.Twigg@mail.house.gov>; Pero, Haley (Sanders) <Haley_Pero@sanders.senate.gov>
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Good Morning –

See below for information on this year's brownfields winners.

In Vermont, those selected are

- Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission, Community-wide- \$300,000 Assessment Grants
- Northeastern VT Development Association, Newbury City and St. Johnsbury, VT- Community-wide- \$600,000 Assessment Grants
- Springfield, VT- Community-wide- \$250,000 Assessment Grants
- Vermont River Conservancy, Brattleboro, VT- 250 Birge Street in Brattleboro- \$200,000 Cleanup Grant

All those selected, have been notified.

Let me know if you have any questions

Thank you!

-Kate

*****EMBARGOED UNTIL 11 AM ET TODAY*****

News for Release – EPA has selected 144 communities for brownfields environmental Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup grants. The 221 grants totaling \$54.3 million will provide communities with funding to assess, clean up and redevelop underutilized properties while protecting public health and the environment.

The Brownfields Program targets communities that are economically disadvantaged and provides funding and assistance to transform blighted sites into assets that can generate jobs and spur economic growth. A study analyzing 48 brownfields sites found that an estimated \$29 million to \$97 million in additional tax revenue was generated for local governments in a single year after cleanup. This is two to seven times more than the \$12.4 million EPA contributed to the cleanup of these brownfield sites. Furthermore, another study found that property values of homes located near brownfields sites that are cleaned up increased between 5 and 15 percent after cleanup.

In addition, communities can use Brownfields funding to leverage water infrastructure loans and other financial resources. For example, EPA's Clean Water State Revolving Fund and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund can be used, under certain conditions, to address the water quality aspects of brownfield sites and the assessment and construction of drinking water infrastructure on brownfields, respectively. EPA's Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act program may also serve as a potential source of long-term, low-cost supplemental financing to fund brownfields project development and implementation activities to address water quality aspects of brownfields.

List of the FY 2018 Applicants Selected for Funding:

<https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/applicants-selected-fy18-brownfields-assessment-revolving-loan-fund-and-cleanup-grants>

For more information on the ARC grants: <https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/types-brownfields-grant-funding>

For more information on EPA's Brownfields Program: <https://www.epa.gov/brownfields>

For more information on how brownfields restoration has positively impacted local economies and the quality of life for neighboring communities: <https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/brownfields-success-stories>

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